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METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING A
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For reasons set forth below, it is respectfully requested that the PTO file for this application be promptly forwarded to Examiner Chuong T. Ho, for confirmation that the references listed on PTO-1449 attached to the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 15, 2003 have been considered.

On April 15, 2003, Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) with PTO-1449 form (three (3) pages) attached, listing the references submitted for consideration. Copies of the cited references were also included. This IDS was received at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 15, 2003, as shown on the returned, date-stamped postcard, DAL01:788957.1

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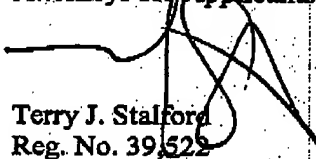
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copy of which is attached. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the cited references filed April 15th is enclosed.

An Office Action for this application was mailed on March 25, 2004. However, Examiner Chuong has not returned a copy of the PTO-1449 form indicating consideration of the references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed April 15, 2003.

Accordingly, Applicants hereby request confirmation of consideration of the previously filed Information Disclosure Statement. Examiner Chuong is requested to initial the references listed on the PTO-1449 form to show that they were appropriately considered during examination of this Application. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment, or to charge any additional fee required by this paper, to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

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Enclosures: Copy of Information Disclosure Statement filed April 15, 2003
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Applicants respectfully request, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, that the references listed on the attached PTO-1449 form be considered and cited in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of these references are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Furthermore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), no representation is made that the references qualify as prior art or that the references are material to the patentability of the present application.

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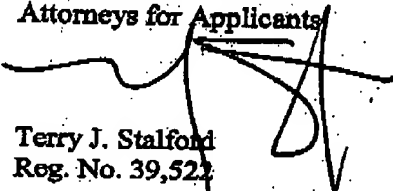
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Each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than thirty (30) days prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3), Applicants believe that this Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing date of the first Official Action in this case. Therefore, Applicants believe that no fee is due. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker & Botts, L.L.P.

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